

# European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN)



## Mission statement

- The Network contributes to the development and the promotion of a multidisciplinary and preventive approach to crime prevention with the aim of supporting increased security at European level.
- The Network actively supports policymakers and practitioners of European, national and local level.

## Legal basis

COUNCIL DECISION 2009/902/JHA of 30 November 2009 setting up a European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) and repealing Decision 2001/427/JHA

## Focus areas and actions

Main objectives of the EUCPN:

- To be a point of reference for the target groups of the network;
- To disseminate qualitative knowledge on crime prevention;
- To support crime prevention activities at national and local level;
- To develop crime prevention throughout the EU generally and specifically at EU level having regard to the strategic priorities of the EU

## Target groups

- Practitioners and policymakers at both **local** and **national levels**;
- Relevant and appropriate **EU and international agencies, organisations and working groups**

## Structure/Composition

The EUCPN consists of a Board, a Secretariat and designated National Contact Points (CP's).

**The Board** consists of a Chair, an Executive Committee (ExCom) and National Representatives (NR's) and Substitutes appointed by each Member State. The Board is responsible for preparing the Networks' strategic approach and managing delivery of the EUCPN Work Programme.

**The EUCPN Secretariat** has been fully operational since 2011 with the financial support of the European Commission DG HOME's Prevention of and Fight against Crime Programme. The Secretariat provides general and administrative support to the Network including representing the Network externally. The Secretariat also hosts the EUCPN website and provides analytical support to the Network.

## EUCPN Website and Newsletter

EU crime preventive information is disseminated through the EUCPN Newsletter and Website. We welcome contributions to our newsletter and seek to improve and increase awareness of crime prevention knowledge sharing amongst our target groups.

## Best Practice Conference (BPC) and European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA)

The aim of the BPC is to share and disseminate experience and knowledge of best practices in preventing crime and increasing safety and security in EU Member States. The audience is made up of policymakers, practitioners and researchers from across the EU, candidate countries and relevant organisations. The **annual conference** consists of lectures and seminars with the key focus being on presenting and discussing projects which have been nominated for the ECPA for that particular year.

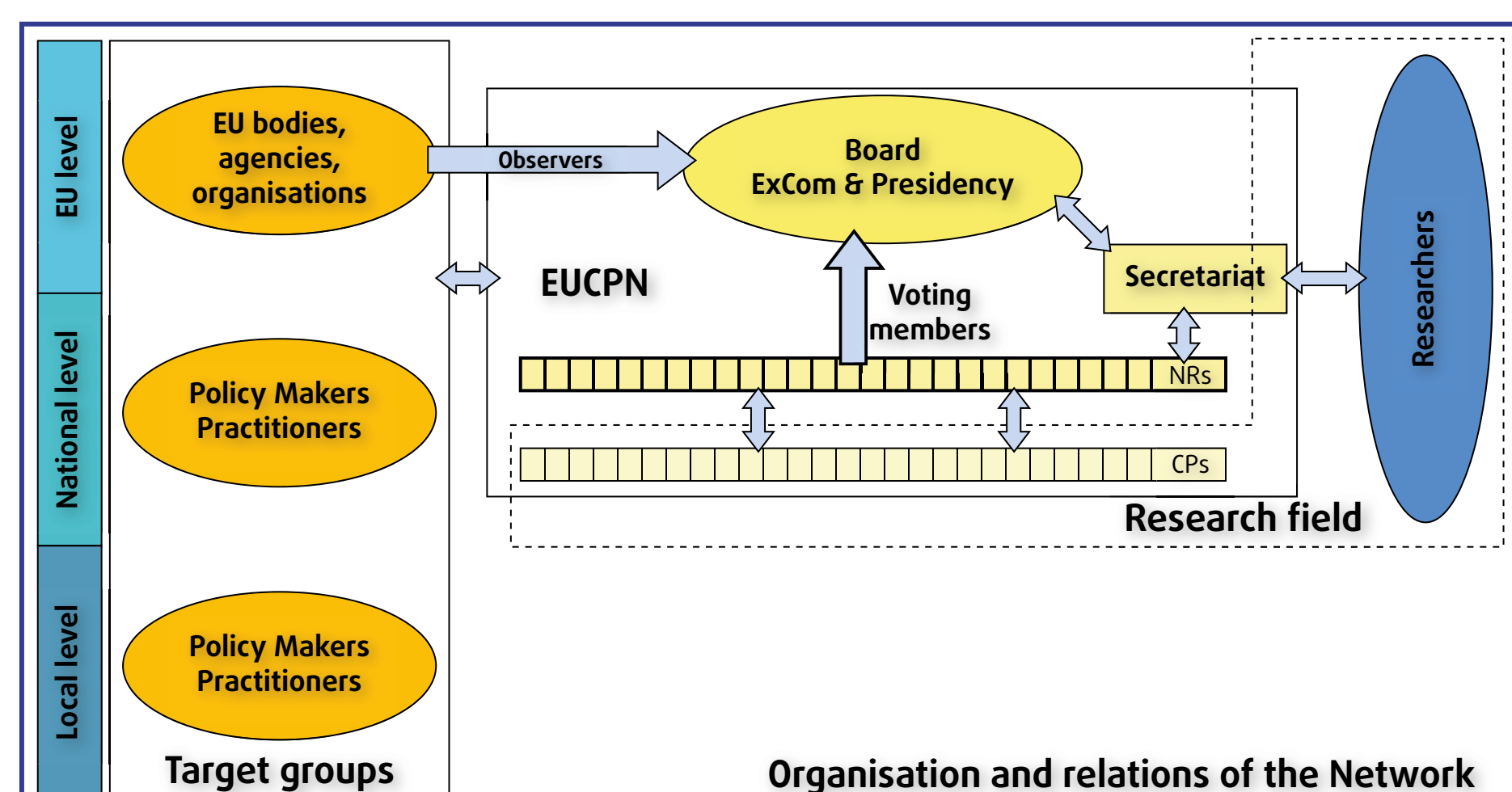
Since 2004 the **European Crime Prevention Award** has been linked to the Best Practice Conference. This is an **annual competition** which aims to recognise the best European crime prevention project on a specific theme set in line with the Presidency of the day's subject focus. The ECPA is open to all EU Member States based on any project, initiative or package of measures.

Themes, project information and presentations of ECPA projects can be found on our website ([www.eucpn.org](http://www.eucpn.org)).



## Work Programme and Annual Report

The EUCPN annual Work Programme (based on the Multiannual Strategy, which is adopted for a five yearly term) defines concrete actions, initiatives and projects to be fulfilled by the Network. Progress and results are reported in the Annual Report.



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